

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Control Number

Lake Herrick Watershed Restoration – Phase 2A
University of Georgia, Recreational Sports Complex
Activity

This notice is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Site plans are immediately available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch, 200 Piedmont Avenue SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or email jarell.singleton@dnr.ga.gov to schedule an appointment to review the plans. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7-.11 (2)(a-k)}: (b), (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed restoration project involves removing an existing *sand beach* and constructing a new recreational park (including an activity lawn, porous walking and running trails, board walks, viewing deck and floating docks) along Lake Herrick within the University of Georgia, Recreational Sports Complex. Mitigation will consist of planting native riparian trees, shrubs and herbaceous ground covers to restore the buffer along Lake Herrick. Activities will result in buffer impacts to approximately 770 linear feet total (16,450 square feet total) along Lake Herrick, a tributary to the North Oconee River in the *Upper Oconee Watershed* in Athens-Clarke County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: John McCollum, Associate Vice President
University of Georgia, Environmental Safety Division
240A Riverbend Road
Athens, GA 30602

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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